

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Johnson et al.	)	
	)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
Application No.: 10/623,957	)	Art Unit 3733
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Filed: July 21, 2003	)	Confirmation No. 6059
	)	
TISSUE DISTRACTION DEVICE	)	April 16, 2007

**AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P. O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2007, please consider the following amendment and response. This response is being filed within the initial three-month period for response (to and including July 3, 2007) so it is believed that no extensions of time or fees are due. However, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extensions that may be necessary and is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.